(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that due to the paucity of funds, roads of the Board are not being maintained and improved;

(c) if so, whether the Board have demanded funds for this item; and

(d) if so, whether this amount would be given to them?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Year-wise grants provided for various items to Ranikhet Cantonment for the last 5 years are as under:

Year	Special Grant	Ordinary Grant
	(Rs. in Lakhs)	
1998-1999	—	115.00
1999-2000	12.00	125.00
2000-2001	—	195.00
2001-2002	—	200.00
2002-2003	61.02	140.00

(b) to (d) Cantonment Boards being statutory bodies undertake development works like roads from their own sources. The Central Government provides financial assistance by way of **"grants"** wherever needed in the case of deficit Boards. Proposals as and when receiver from the Board are considered by the Government within the overall availability of budgetary allocation for such purposes. Apart from Rs. 37.51 lakhs received by the Board as Service Charges, a financial assistance of Rs. 50 lakhs has been provided to Ranikhet Cantonment Board during the current financial year till now. Further releases can also be considered within the overall availability of funds during the current financial year.

Setting up of a Naval Academy

1821. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Naval Academy;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the location; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government sanction for setting up a Naval Academy at Ezhimala, District Kannur in Kerala at the estimated cost of Rs. 166.94 crores was accorded in 1995 for training of 600 Cadets for a B.Sc (Special) Course. Construction work on the Academy is in progress.

(c) The project is likely to be completed by mid 2006.

Welfare measures for Defence personnel

1822. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army is contemplating to set up Medical and Dental Colleges and other professional institutes for Army Personnel and their families;

(b) if so, the details of their locations; and

(c) the other welfare measures taken for Defence Personnel and their families?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The Army Welfare Education Society, a registered body under the Registration of Societies Act, has set up some professional institutes in the field of Dentistry, Engineering, Law, Management, Hotel Management and Education for wards/war widows of army personnel.

(b) The details of Dental College and other professional Institutes run under aegis of AWES are as under:

(i) Army College of Dental Sciences (ACDS)-Secunderabad.

(ii). National Institute of Management (NIM) Kolkata.

(iii) Faculty of Management Studies (FOMS) Jabalpur.